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## Why Immersive Learning Technologies?

 Provide engaging opportunities for authentic practice with measurable results

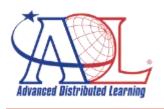
- Provide opportunities for educators and learners to better identify performance gaps
- Provide instant feedback that help learners self regulate and maximize their training effectiveness



## **Immersive Learning Technologies Team**

- Games
  - James Xu
- Virtual Worlds
  - Keysha Gamor
- Mobile
  - Judy Brown
- Web 2.0
  - Mark Friedman





# ... and It's Not Just Games

 "The smartest programmers don't work for Uncle [Sam] anymore – they develop video games." – Tom Clancy, Teeth of the Tiger pg. 105





#### **Technical Issues**

- Accessibility
  - IA Issues
  - Access to Enabling Technology
- Assessment
  - Tracking Behavior is More Complicated
  - SCORM Not Truly Designed for Immersive Environments
- Interoperability
  - Technologies Do Not Interoperate With Each Other
  - Technologies Do Not Integrate with Current LMSs





## **Current ILT Initiatives**

- Virtual World Standards Working Group Meetings
  - A working group comprised of experts in virtual worlds explore coming standards and the potential role of ADL
- Immersive Learning Pod-Cast Series
  - A coming series of pod casts where members of the ILT Team sit down with leaders in the ILT space





# **Current ILT Virtual World Initiatives**

- Virtual World Test Bed
  - The test bed will be comprised of over a dozen functioning virtual worlds allowing us to test and compare affordances
- Team Orlando SecondLife Island
  - Part of Linden Labs MiLands Initiative, the ADL will be developing demonstrations and tests of ADL technologies





# **Current ILT Game Initiatives**

#### Games Test Bed

- The test bed contains many of the games and supporting technologies used by the DoD today
- Mini-GameDevelopment
  - A group of small games being developed with DAU covering many topics in their current curriculum



#### Defense

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**User's Conference** 

#### WHEN?

29-31 March 2010

#### WHERE?

Hilton Orlando 6001 Destination Parkway Orlando, Florida



www.teamorlando.org/gametech

# Innovation in Gaming

Competition for the most innovative use of gaming technology by DoD users

Applications Available Soon on GameTech and ADL websites

Award Presented at GameTech 2010





# Virtual World Challenge



- The invitation is out to the world: Show us how you would improve the Government's training and analysis capabilities in virtual worlds and in return gain recognition and awards.
- Government agencies are encouraged to become involved as evaluators.
- More information is available at www.fvwc.army.mil or by emailing fvwc.sttc@us.army.mil

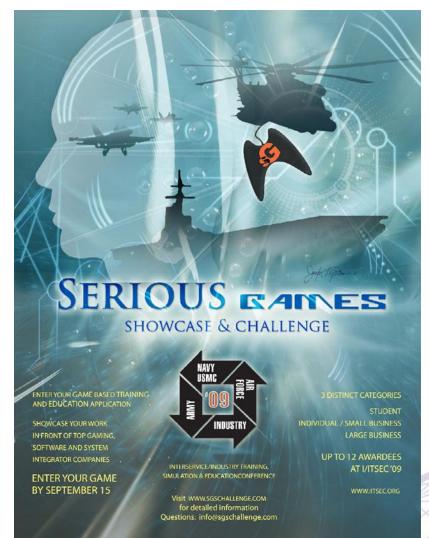


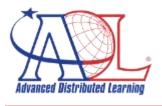
### I/ITSEC SGS&C





- Serious GamesShowcase & Challenge
- 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Event
   Currently Accepting
   Games
- Selected Games
   Displayed on I/ITSEC
   2009 Floor
- For more Info: www.sgschallenge.com





# **Today's Focus**

# Immersive Learning in ADL

- Immersive Environments in ADL
  - Games, Virtual Worlds
- Social Learning in ADL
  - Social Networking, Web 2.0, Twitter

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# **Questions or Comments?**

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